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Ability Central Awards Grant to Mychal's Learning Place to Advance Workforce Development for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

HAWTHORNE, Calif. — March 3, 2026 — Ability Central has awarded a grant to Mychal's Learning Place to expand workforce development opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities. The funding will support innovative job training programs designed to build hard and soft skills, foster independence, and create meaningful employment pathways.

The grant will enhance Mychal's Learning Place's comprehensive workforce readiness initiatives, including independent skills development through their Adult Path To Independence Program and After School Program, vocational training at their social enterprises, Mychal's Print & Embroidery and Mychal's Café & Bakery, and internship opportunities with outside businesses within the community. These programs are tailored to equip participants with practical skills in areas such as customer service, food service, office administration, and retail operations.

"Because individuals with disabilities face an 85% unemployment rate, it is critical that we continue to support our participants as they strive to obtain gainful employment. This support from Ability Central is crucial in making this a possibility for so many young adults in the Los Angeles area," said Ed Lynch, Founder & CEO of Mychal's Learning Place. "This investment strengthens our commitment to empowering individuals with developmental disabilities to reach their fullest potential and achieve competitive, integrated employment."

Ability Central's mission focuses on expanding opportunities and improving quality of life for individuals with disabilities throughout California. By investing in workforce development initiatives, the organization aims to help bridge employment gaps and promote long-term economic inclusion.

Through this partnership, Mychal's Learning Place will expand workforce pathways, enabling Mychal's to serve more participants and purchase updated training equipment. By bridging skill gaps and engaging employers as partners, Mychal's ensures participants not only access information but also thrive in inclusive workplaces across California.

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The grant underscores both organizations' shared vision of creating a more inclusive workforce where individuals of all abilities can thrive and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

About Ability Central

Ability Central is a California-based nonprofit dedicated to supporting programs and initiatives that improve the lives of individuals with disabilities. Through strategic grantmaking and partnerships, Ability Central advances opportunities for independence, employment, and community engagement.

About Mychal's Learning Place

Mychal's Learning Place is a nonprofit organization based in Hawthorne, California, serving individuals with developmental disabilities through education, workforce development, and community integration programs. The organization's mission is to provide the support, training and opportunities to youth and young adults with developmental disabilities to build their independence and pursue their goals and dreams.

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